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Arens weighs steps to halt stonings

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAISHA. — The authorities are considering demolishing buildings and in other refugee camps in the West Bank in an effort to prevent youths from using Israeli traffic.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday during an impromptu roadside press conference opposite this camp that his army is also considering expulsion from the area as an additional measure, although not officially for people convicted of throwing.

Other measures are among those suggested by Jewish residents in the area. But Arens said that his visit to Dahsheh, and earlier in the West Bank, was not a result of pressure.

"The question of security on the roads is too important for that," he said. "I don't want to generate expectations that rock-throwing and disturbances can be stopped once and for all," he added.

Arens, accompanied by the coordinator of activities in the territories Tat Aluf (Res.) Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, OC Central Command Aluf Amnon Shakak and other officers, was surrounded by scores of heavily armed security personnel. The main road was closed to traffic while Arens stepped briefly into the first row of cinderblock houses to see for himself what he termed "the geography" of one of the most problematic areas in the West Bank.

Defence Ministry officials and Israel Defence Forces planners have recommended razing at least

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Defence Minister Moshe Arens chats with youths in the old market of Nablus yesterday. (Defence Ministry)

Histadrut says labour unrest could worsen

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of workers in various branches of the civil service were yesterday involved in full or partial strikes protesting against the erosion of their pay. More workers are likely to join their ranks soon, following the Tel Aviv Labour Court's removal of the restrictions it had imposed on the defence ministry workers' action.

The Histadrut yesterday warned that the situation may deteriorate to a point where the government will lose control of the situation, but Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad last night announced he will continue cutting the standard of living.

Speaking to Jerusalem Herut activists at a dinner last night at a hotel in the capital, Cohen-Orgad repeated his view that a "temporary reduction in the standard of living is necessary to prevent a crisis that would paralyze the entire economy. Preventing such a crisis is the central priority of this government."

The minister added that in the coming year Israel must reduce its balance of payments deficit by \$1 billion. Otherwise, he said, foreign creditors will not be willing to renew loans to Israel.

The Histadrut's warning was issued by the forum representing the political parties in the Histadrut and the trade union secretaries.

The Histadrut statement said that any one-sided attempt to cut workers' pay or seriously erode it, including unrestrained price rises, "will cause a situation whereby the Histadrut will exercise its right to preserve agreements." Those "agreements" stipulate that the

government and the private employers will maintain the workers' real wages. Therefore, the statement strongly implies the Histadrut will fight for added compensation for the erosion.

The Histadrut is willing to cooperate with other sectors to improve the economy — but the burden must be divided evenly, the statement said.

This position appeared to enjoy the support of the Likud's representatives at the meeting. One of the Likud's senior delegates, Daniel Nahmani, said at the meeting that he was "surprised" that the Finance Minister was not honouring agreements to maintain the workers' real income. "Workers should have taken action long ago without being incited. Their pay has been eroded to such an extent that some don't have enough money to live on," Nahmani said.

So far, the Histadrut has given works committees the green light to take action as they see fit but has not ordered any general protest actions.

"We said we'd give a free hand," Reuven Ben-Ami, the secretary of the Civil Servants' Union, told the Jerusalem Post. "We didn't want to create a situation where directives are given from the top, with individual decisions on who adheres to them. It's better for us that the actions are sporadic. It is already hurting quite a bit."

Later last night there had been no

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Officer killed in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TULLA. — Border Police officer Daniel Stephan, 29, of Carli, was killed yesterday and another Border policeman was wounded in an exchange of fire with a terrorist gang east of Sidon. Three terrorists were killed.

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded when a bomb exploded by roadside south of the Zaharani road.

The Sidon battle took place after Border Police surprised the terrorists while they were preparing

a remote-control bomb. Stephan was buried later in the day in Safed. He was married and had two children.

Border Police commander Nitzav Pinhas Shahar said at the funeral that the Border Police would stay in Lebanon and carry out all the missions assigned to it as long as necessary.

Also yesterday, there was a handgrenade attack against the Israeli Defence Forces north of the village of Ansariya, and a bomb was found by UNIFIL troops at the village of Kana. There were no casualties in either incident.

Takes 'responsibility' for Marine bombing Reagan wants action against 'state terrorism'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan yesterday accepted full responsibility for last October's bomb blast at U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut.

Just before leaving Washington for California, the president also called for closer international cooperation to fight "state-sponsored terrorism."

Reagan said: "For terrorists to be curbed, civilized countries must begin a new effort to work together, to share intelligence, to improve our training and security and our forces, to deny a haven or legal protection for terrorist groups, and most important of all, to hold increasingly accountable those countries which sponsor terrorism and terrorist activity around the world."

"I would recognize some of Syria's interests," Reagan did not address himself to — and was not asked to comment on — last week's meeting in Cairo between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Over the weekend, Reagan welcomed that meeting as an encouraging development.

Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne met yesterday with Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger. The Americans were believed anxious to reassure Israel that the U.S. attitude toward the PLO has not changed, despite Washington's positive reaction to the Arafat-Mubarak meeting.

Earlier in the day, State Department Spokesman John Hughes told reporters that "the Egyptians have made clear to all concerned that Egypt remains committed to UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, the Egypt-Israel peace treaty and the Camp David framework."

Hughes said "it should be clear to all that we remain full partners in the Camp David process, and there has been no change in our position with respect to the PLO."

At the White House, Reagan issued a lengthy statement accepting ultimate responsibility for the Beirut bombing. The Pentagon's official report on the incident is expected to be released today.

Court orders postal staff back to work

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem District Labour Court issued a temporary order last night instructing the striking postal workers to return to their jobs today and tomorrow, after which the court will review the labour dispute.

The Communications Ministry said it was immediately preparing for a renewal of operations, but representatives of the workers told Kol Yisrael late last night that they would not be returning to work immediately. They said they would hold a general meeting today to consider whether to obey the court's ruling.

Judge Nehemiah Goodman issued the order at an extraordinary session at the request of the state attorney and the Communications Ministry.

Representatives of the Civil Servants Union and the postal workers' committee were invited to the court session, but did not attend.

All post offices were closed yesterday and no mail was delivered as 4,500 workers walked off the job to press demands for pay increments similar to those granted recently to workers in the Health and Justice Ministries.

The labour court ruling was sought specifically on behalf of the tens of thousands of pensioners who are looking forward to their National Insurance Institute payments, which are due to be issued today. Such cheques are always issued at post offices on the 28th of the month.

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Druse shell Beirut airport

RUT (AP). — Artillery shells fired into Beirut's International port yesterday, panicking passengers and imperiling Lebanon's sea trade.

The salvo struck as anti-aircraft Druse gunners in the above the U.S. Marine command traded sporadic artillery and set fire with Christian militia units on Beirut's northeastern outskirts.

Incoming and outgoing passengers panicked. There was a spede from the tarmac for cover many just dove on the ground," the state radio. There were no fatalities.

The airport, which was reopened after 12 days after a 16-day shutdown forced by previous shellfire, remained in operation after yesterday's salvo. Airlines from European capitals continued to land, and planes bound to naca and Arab countries took off.

The Voice of Lebanon radio station of the Phalange Party accused the militiamen of leftist opposition.

tion leader Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party of shelling the airport.

The socialists made no comment on the airport bombardment. But in a statement issued in Beirut, the party accused Phalangist militiamen and the Lebanese Army of "deliberately violating Monday's cease-fire" by shelling Druse towns in the Shouf Mountains as well as Beirut's Shi'ite Moslem southern suburbs.

At 5:30 p.m. a new cease-fire was called in the hills, and the state radio said last night it appeared to be holding.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem later said the army made 150 arrests in the camps during the fighting. He said 52 remain in custody, of whom 10 were armed Palestinians who had shot at the army and 52 were foreigners illegally in the country.

At Beirut's port, two British soldiers in the multinational peace-keeping force suffered minor shrapnel injuries yesterday morning in an explosion.

Shamir labels Arafat talks 'a violation of Camp David'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that last week's meeting between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and PLO chief Yasser Arafat was "a violation of the Camp David agreements and a blow to the understanding which forms the basis of Camp David."

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Shamir said the purpose of the meeting was to boost Mubarak's prestige at the expense of Israel-Egypt peace ties.

He said: "American approval of the meeting harmed the peace process and holds it up."

The prime minister said that

Israel got a denial from the U.S. that it knew anything about the meeting until a few hours before or that it had initiated the meeting.

He said the U.S. was wrong if it believed the Cairo meeting would help revive the Reagan Plan. On the other hand, he warned, the American stand on the Mubarak-Arafat meeting could pave the way for a withdrawal from Camp David.

He said Israel never demanded that King Hussein of Jordan drop his demand to recover all his territory in return for peace as a prior condition for talks with Jordan.

"We have no explicit condition that Jordan accept Camp David," he said, "but we regard Camp David as the basis for the negotiations."

Phalange discusses easing tension

BEIRUT (AP). — The political bureau of the Phalange Party, which reported the largest Christian militia in Lebanon's almost nine-year-old civil war, yesterday held an emergency meeting in mostly Christian East Beirut.

The meeting, under party founder Pierre Gemayel, president Amine Gemayel's father, debated a "work-paper" the party plans to pose to defuse Lebanese tensions, a party statement said.

Beirut newspapers said earlier the Phalange leadership would probably decide to withdraw its Lebanese Forces militia from East

Beirut and hand over control of the capital's Christian sector to the government, ending an eight-year-old Phalangist reign.

The party would also abandon control of the coastal highway linking Beirut with Syrian Army lines in northern Lebanon and with Israeli-occupied Southern Lebanon, newspapers said.

They quoted unnamed Phalangist sources as saying the party leadership would also announce it was abandoning military action in favour of political activity and would invite Shi'ite and Druse foes to do likewise.

Arafat talks called 'step to peace'

CAIRO. — PLO chief Yasser Arafat's Cairo visit last Thursday was a step toward a negotiated Arab-Israeli peace and the U.S. should help by opening a dialogue with the PLO, a top aide to President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday.

Osama al-Baz, director of Mubarak's political-affairs office, indicated in remarks to reporters that Arafat's talks with Mubarak were part of a Cairo bid to generate "a new momentum" for peace.

Al-Baz made it clear Arafat is

prepared for revival of dialogue with Jordan's King Hussein to agree on a joint approach to peace talks with Israel.

In North Yemen, Arafat yesterday held talks with other PLO leaders as he planned his next moves in a struggle to remain leader of the Palestinian movement.

Arafat, whose meeting with Mubarak divided the Arab world, has said he plans an early visit to key Arab states including Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Clash over appointments avoided at Foreign Ministry

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Middle-ranking diplomats at the Foreign Ministry backed away yesterday from a confrontation with Director-General David Kimche over the vexed issue of outside appointments in the foreign service.

The diplomats, comprising the "Forum of Heads of Department," decided to leave the continuing fight against outside appointments to the elected staff committee of the ministry while they themselves press for their own greater involvement in policymaking.

The issue came to a head last week at an angry meeting between

Kimche and a group of the department heads. Kimche said he was not prepared to discuss appointments with this group because they were a matter between the ministry management and the staff committee, representing all the employees.

The staff committee in effect supported Kimche's position. And within the "Forum of Heads of Department" there were many who felt their forum should not vie with the staff committee in dealing with outside appointments.

One pending appointment that has particularly incensed Foreign Ministry staffers is that of Yoram

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CHICAGO	24	11	9	Snow
COPENHAGEN	1	30	45	Clear
FRANKFURT	3	37	50	Cloudy
GENEVA	3	37	52	Cloudy
HELSINKI	6	18	0	Cloudy
HONG KONG	14	57	81	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	15	58	64	Rain
LISBON	8	48	58	Clear
LONDON	6	42	55	Cloudy
MADRID	1	30	45	Clear
MONTREAL	21	8	18	Snow
NEW YORK	13	8	19	Clear
OSLO	7	18	0	Cloudy
PARIS	5	41	50	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	64	82	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	17	62	71	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	2	28	37	Cloudy
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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
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Golan	85	2-10	12
Nahariya	62	8-20	19
Safed	60	4-11	12
Haifa Port	69	10-19	20
Tiberias	71	7-16	18
Nazareth	87	6-15	16
Afula	85	3-16	18
Shimon	78	6-14	15
Tel Aviv	63	10-18	19
B-G Airport	67	7-19	19
Jericho	59	6-18	20
Gaza	70	8-18	19
Beer-sheva	71	6-17	18
Eilat	46	8-20	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Aura Herzog, the president's wife, yesterday presented scholarships to 36 girls who are outstanding students in institutions belonging to Etnah, the National Religious Women's Movement, at a ceremony at the Etnah College in Jerusalem. The scholarship money came from a fund in memory of her mother-in-law, Rabbanit Sarah Herzog, who was Etnah's first president.

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science as guest of its Faculty of Physics.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold its annual general meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Donald Barret, secretary-general of the Bahai community in Israel, will speak on the "Plight of Bahais in Iran Today" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today in the YMCA.

Giscard d'Estaing arriving today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former French president Valery Giscard d'Estaing is to arrive today for a two-week private visit to Israel during which he may also cross briefly into Jordan, possibly from Eilat to Akaba, for a meeting with King Hussein.

This is Giscard's first visit to Israel and he, together with his wife, will be the personal guests of Jean Friedman, a prominent news-media executive in France.

In addition to touring Israel from north to south, Giscard will meet with President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and former defence minister Ezer Weizman.

He will stay a good part of his time in Israel at the home of the Friedmans in Sayon, where a dinner in his honour will be given next Monday. Shamir will be among the guests.

Shostak sets up panel on alternative medicine

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday decided to set up a public committee to investigate ways of "regularizing" the role of acupuncture, natural healing and other forms of non-conventional medicine. The committee will consist of doctors and public figures and will submit its recommendations to the minister.

The decision followed a meeting yesterday in Shostak's office, attended by Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, Knesset Member Yehuda Perah and representatives of several vegetarian and "natural-health" associations.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein and Asher Wallfish

Storm breaks over unemployment benefits

A government bill to tighten the eligibility requirements for unemployment-insurance benefits served as the background yesterday for one of the stormiest Knesset sessions in many months.

Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin, who presented the bill, illustrated the main problem it aimed to solve by noting that at one point, when almost 12,000 unemployed were receiving compensation, thousands of jobs were available. He did not specify the period in question.

The bill changes the definition of "suitable employment" with respect to persons under 25. Such persons could henceforth reject a job offered by the Employment Service and still be eligible for benefits only if the job were unsuitable in terms of their health or physical strength or if it would require them to live elsewhere.

Another change in the bill would require any worker who quit his job "without good reason" to wait 90 days (instead of the present 30) before qualifying for unemployment benefits.

A second bill presented by Rubin and debated simultaneously with the first would cut by 50 per cent the pension increment now paid to workers who defer their retirement beyond the age of 65 (women beyond 60).

Rubin said that the original increment of 5 per cent a year was fixed

at a time when the economy was short of workers. The change is in keeping with the present economic policy in which every public expenditure is being re-examined with a fine comb, he said.

The Alignment's Shoshana Arbeli said that discharged soldiers should be encouraged to learn a trade or profession, and helped to get work in which they are trained, instead of being forced to take any job available.

As for the pensioners, it is "good for them, good for the economy, and good for the National Insurance Institute" for them to put off their retirement. But a 2.5 per cent annual increment is insufficient incentive for that, she said.

After nine speakers and with a few more scheduled to follow, Deputy Speaker Moshe Shahal announced that he had received a note from Rubin requesting that "the continuation of the debate be deferred to another day."

When Shahal said that he would put Rubin's request to a vote the storm broke, and it lasted about a quarter of an hour.

Before it subsided, Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo charged that Shahal was "distorting the Knesset rules" and shouted: "The Knesset won't be a branch of the Labour Party." Shahal called him to order three times and ordered him to leave the chamber.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said during the storm, never has a minister's (or deputy minister's) request to defer his reply been denied or put to a vote.

Shahal's defence was that the coalition lately has been exploiting that rule for a purpose not originally intended — to put off votes in which it might be defeated — and that he therefore had the right to give the rules his own interpretation.

But in the end, Shahal backed down and deferred the continuation of the debate.

The argument was revived later in the evening after the debate on Rabbi Haim Druckman's (Matzad) motion on "Theatre performances that strike at the basic values of Judaism, the Jewish people and the state."

Deputy-Speaker Meir Cohen-Ayidov granted Druckman's request to defer his reply and the vote. Opposition speakers protested against what they termed the contempt for the House again displayed by the coalition.

Druckman called for the establishment of a public committee to lay down clear criteria for theatre groups and plays to qualify for state aid.

He was attacked by opposition speakers, most sharply by Elazar Granot (Alignment-Mapam) who said: "There is a kulturkampf. One

side is trying to meet the other halfway. But the other side is becoming more and more extreme. The idyll is over, and now to battle."

TRAVEL TAX

The Likud's Liberal wing decided yesterday to instruct its representatives on the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a ceiling of \$100 for the travel tax.

The Liberal wing was summoned at the request of Ariel Weinstein after Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad said he wanted to raise the travel tax from its present \$50 to \$125.

ARGENTINA TRIAL

Mapam Knesset Member Dov Zakin yesterday wrote Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir urging him to send observers to the trial in Argentina of the junta generals accused of liquidating thousands of their countrymen over the past few years.

Zakin, who has just returned from a visit to Argentina, told Shamir it is important for the Israel government to stand firmly behind public opinion in Argentina, which had successfully demanded that the murderers be brought to trial.

Zakin said the purge had had a clear anti-Semitic tinge and the arrests, tortures and liquidations were conducted by former Nazis who had fled to Argentina.

Two-year trial for summer time is recommended

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg last night was studying the recommendations of a six-member committee he appointed last August to examine the advisability of introducing summer time in Israel. In the past, Burg has refused to bow to demands for the change.

The recommendations — submitted yesterday afternoon — call for a trial of summer time here in 1984 and 1985, for a five-month period beginning the day after Independence Day until the day before Rosh Hashana.

A follow-up unit would be established to determine whether summer time yields advantages in energy conservation, road safety, worker productivity and health.

Among the members of the committee, headed by former labour minister Moshe Baram, only one member, Technion Prof. Moshe Polachek, opposed summer time for Israel, even for a trial period. Another committee member, Dr. Eliyahu Vior of Assaf Harofe Hospital, joined the majority but warned that "part of the population may find it hard to fall asleep an hour earlier because of the

temperature and humidity."

In their report, the committee told Burg that 26 organizations, including government agencies, and two individuals testified before it. Twenty-one favoured summer time, four were neutral, and three opposed the idea. Among the latter were the Religious Affairs Ministry, the Chief Rabbinate and the Association of Cinema Owners.

The religious objections were based on the fear of probable Sabbath desecration resulting from an artificially "early" end to the Sabbath before sundown, and the difficulty summer time would pose for

workers who must attend daily early morning services in synagogue before going to work.

The cinema operators are against summer time because moviegoers would shut the first show since it is still light outside, and would be afraid to go to the late show for fear that no bus service would be available when they leave the theatre after midnight. Besides, most theatre employees refuse to work past midnight "and the movie industry will collapse if the first show on Saturday evenings is cancelled altogether because of religious objections."

Shake-up worries Electric Corp. staff

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Senior executives of the Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) yesterday expressed their concern over the danger facing the company following the resignation of board chairman David Haguel and the announcement by general manager Yitzhak Hofi that he is considering resigning.

At an emergency meeting yesterday, they decided to make the prime minister and the ministers of energy

and finance to outline their concerns.

They also called on Hofi to continue in his post.

During the stormy four-hour meeting, the 80 executives were critical of Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, whom they accused of forcing Haguel to quit.

The executives pointed out that there had been relative calm among the IEC's 6,000 employees during the past year, and this was now in danger of being shattered because of the shake-up.

ARENS WEIGHS

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one row of buildings adjacent to the main road from where most of the rock-throwing comes. They have already closed off the main entrances to the camp and erected high fences around the schools, also adjacent to the road, and put up a guard post opposite the camp but to only limited effect. They have also suggested rebuilding the schools on the eastern perimeter of the camp.

Arens said that the rock-throwing is "hooliganism" by young people, which endangers Arab and Jewish drivers alike. The demolition of some houses is being considered, he said, because it would give the security forces more space.

He denied that his visit had anything to do with a government plan to demolish the camps and resettle the refugees in modern housing. During his short visit to the camp he did not meet with any of the residents, and said that he had come to hear from the soldiers and reservists engaged in the "difficult and unpleasant work" in the area.

Over the past year Dahaiha has

been under curfew for extended periods as the IDF tried to force parents and local leaders to prevent the youths from attacking traffic.

Arens visited the ancient market in the heart of Nablus, and questioned residents about the economic situation and the shekel-Jordanian dinar exchange rate. He also visited the Balata refugee camp, the largest in the West Bank, which straddles a main road linking Nablus to Ramallah and Jerusalem.

Meanwhile the IDF has decided to establish another six outposts in Judea and Samaria during January, military sources revealed yesterday. The outposts, established and manned by units of the paramilitary Nahal units, are usually handed over to civilian settlers.

Military authorities have also imposed a six-month restriction order on the leader of the Birzeit student council, Samir Sbeihat of Jenin. Sbeihat was recently elected to replace a student who was placed under a similar town-arrest order. A list identified with Fatah won the elections on the campus.

FOREIGN MINISTRY

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Ertinger, an official at the Prime Minister's Office, as information counsellor at the embassy in Washington.

The recently elected chairman of the "Forum of Heads of Department," Gad Raon, has been in the forefront of the ministry staff's fight against Ertinger and has put forward his own candidacy for the post.

A meeting of the forum yesterday resolved to press for the heads of department to have more involve-

ment in policymaking and more responsibility for the work of embassies abroad.

Key members of the forum told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that most of its demands and recommendations in this respect had been supported by a special committee set up by Kimche under the chairmanship of Walter Eytan, who was the ministry's first director-general.

These forum members said Kimche was prepared to implement most of the Eytan Committee's proposals.

Aguda MKs end boycott of Knesset sessions

Post Knesset Correspondent

The four Agudat Yisrael Knesset members last night ended their boycott of Knesset plenum sessions, begun last week as a protest against the refusal of three coalition MKs to vote against Sabbath bus transportation.

The Aguda relented after getting a promise from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that all the coalition MKs would toe the line in future and observe written commitments to the religious factions.

Man and wife found dead in J'lem flat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A man and wife were found dead with their throats slit in their apartment in the Ma'alot Elram quarter of East Talpiti yesterday afternoon. Police believe that the man, Steven Redman, 45, killed his wife and then killed himself.

Redman was employed as a security officer at UN Headquarters in Jerusalem. The couple were from New York.

Police were summoned after a neighbour noticed smoke escaping from under the door to the apartment. When police arrived, they entered the apartment and found the couple lying fully dressed on their bed and the bedroom spattered with blood.

In the kitchen, which was in disorder, a pot of burned meat was on the gas filling the room with smoke. Police are investigating. The couple's son, Steve, 10, has been put in the care of the police juvenile services. (Itim)

'Jewish extremists think government with them'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israeli groups that incite against Arabs feel that they have the government's support, Uzi Narkiss, chairman of the World Zionist Organization's Information Department, said here yesterday. He and department director-general Morris Zilka were answering questions at a news conference.

Among the anti-Arab groups Narkiss cited was the Mena group in Upper Nazareth, which seeks to keep out Arab tenants.

Narkiss said that it was his personal opinion as a Labour man that these extremists "feel the government backs them" much as the Arab rioters of the pre-state years felt regarding the British mandatory government.

Emergency-medicine workshop scheduled

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The attack on the bus in Jerusalem is the most recent example of why doctors in this

country need basic knowledge about how to deal with mass injury," the director of a forthcoming workshop in emergency medicine here said yesterday.

Dr. Bruno Segal, of the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, added that more than half of Israel's physicians have never taken a course in emergency medicine.

A three-day workshop under Dr. Segal's direction is to be held at the university February 5 to 7.

The course will emphasize practical questions such as how to resuscitate the severely injured patient, how to insure open breathing passages, and possible mental-health implications of traumatic injury.

More than seven hundred doctors have attended workshops such as this during the seven years they have been offered.



Nicole Pompidou (centre), widow of former French president Georges Pompidou, seen visiting the Tel Aviv museum yesterday with French Ambassador Jacques Dupont.

Sanctions spell freedom for delinquents

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dozens of convicted juvenile delinquents will be free on the streets today following the closure of two juvenile homes in Hadera and Haifa due to sanctions by the staff of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

The two institutions have run out of food and other supplies, and hundreds of other institutions such as day-care centres, homes for the aged and vocational schools are on the verge of shutting down. The ministry staff has not sent out cheques to suppliers for several weeks, and the latter have stopped their deliveries.

Staff-committee chairman D. Zioni said last night that talks with the heads of the ministry and Civil Service Commission had broken off. He said that they not come up with satisfactory proposals to bring the pay ministry workers into line with increments received recently by other government workers.

The staff committee, Zioni had yielded to requests by the heads of the ministry to make exceptions in cases where the sanctions endangered life. He said that they agreed to arrange for heating in age homes and to prevent returning youngsters from being turned out on the streets.

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decision on whether the Defence Ministry workers will resume their sanctions. Last week they stopped payments to suppliers, amounting to some \$4 billion a week, and staff committee members prevented visitors from entering offices.

Management had won a temporary injunction against the staff but Tel Aviv Labour Court Judge Steve Adler cancelled it yesterday. The workers were protesting that their pay has been eroded in comparison with that of soldiers and other workers in the defence establishment. They also complained that their car and overtime allowances were cut.

Service and administration workers in government hospitals are threatening to start sanctions on Sunday to protest against the Health Ministry's 25 per cent cut in their overtime hours. (See story, page 3)

The 3,500 income-tax and property-tax workers yesterday threatened to increase their measures up to a general strike unless an anticipated meeting with the civil service commissioner satisfies their demands for higher pay, more promotions and a restoration of full overtime pay.

Since Sunday they have been receiving the public only after 9.30 a.m. They also stopped field operations such as checking books. "It's a holiday for tax

evaders," a trade unionist said. The wave of strikes and sanctions has had little effect so far on the industrial sector. Arnon Tibi, director-general of the Manufacturers Association, said yesterday: "We can get along for a few days without mail. As for paying income taxes, we pay directly at the bank in accordance with vouchers issued us many weeks ago," he said. Tibi said he felt a "measure of relief at the change in the past few days." The police were functioning and exports were flowing overseas, he said.

MAIL STRIKE

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Earlier yesterday, 120 vital C communications Ministry workers received back-to-work orders. I obeyed the order, thus reviving telegraph services, part of central sorting office in Tel Aviv and some of the Ben-Gurion port postal-dispatch services. Negotiations with the strikers' representatives took place yesterday.

On an ordinary day, the pc services handle 1.5 million pieces of mail.

The National Insurance Institute spokeswoman said last night pensioners will be able to get money through the United Miz Bank next week if the strike of postal workers continues.

France asks U.S. to stay in UNESCO

PARIS. — France has asked the U.S. not to withdraw from UNESCO, authorized French sources said on Monday. The officials, who by French custom could not be further identified but were speaking for the government, gave two reasons for the French request. They are France's support for UNESCO's work, and the fact that a U.S. withdrawal could call into

question the general principle of universality of international organizations.

Czechoslovakia charged yesterday that by threatening to leave UNESCO, the Reagan administration was planning either to bring the educational, scientific cultural organization of the United Nations, or to gain decisive influence over its affairs.

Power failure hits Sweden, eastern Denmark

STOCKHOLM (AP). — A massive power failure struck Sweden and parts of Denmark yesterday, stopping trains and subways in Stockholm and darkening stores filled with post-Christmas shoppers in three of Sweden's largest cities.

Swedish radio reported that the failure began at the big Hamra transformer station near Enkoping, about 95 kilometres east of Stockholm. From there, a chain reaction knocked out static throughout Sweden.

All of Sweden's nuclear power plants immediately disconnected from the grid, costing the system 7,000 megawatts of power, the radio said.

Tens of thousands of subscribers in eastern Denmark — also on Swedish grid — lost power although lights only blinked in Copenhagen.

With great sorrow, we announce the death of

Dr. DAN GOLDAN

The funeral has already taken place.

Goldan and Spira Families

Emunah Women of America extend heartfelt condolences to Michael and Sally Berger on the untimely death of their son

JOSSI

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion

With great pain and sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of our dear and devoted

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Shiva at Ahad Ha'am 16, Jerusalem.

The Family

Heartbroken over the untimely passing of my dearly beloved grandson

JOSSI BERGER

Sender Mermelstein

Yemi informs Orgad of his austerity plan

CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Proposals for an alternative programme include: prohibition of the use of the stock exchange and to the 13th month salary paid in places of work.

Yemi sent yesterday to Minister Yigal Cohen, Yemi leader and Minister of Social Affairs Aharon Barak, and Minister of Finance Yoram Eitan, a plan should be based on the well-off and more of the burden of income groups, and that the poor should not be worsened.

Proposals, which will be in the cabinet and Knesset, include the following: raising licence fees for vehicles larger than 1,600 centimetres.

- Inclusion of all business expenses under taxable income.
- Full taxation of all benefits employers provide their employees, both in Israel and abroad.
- Scrapping the proposals for health and education fees.
- Raising university tuition fees "in accordance with the real cost of each field of study," and instituting a system of reductions based on ability to pay.
- Price controls as part of a package deal freezing wages and prices for a year.
- Enactment of a law setting the minimum wage between 45 and 50 per cent of the average wage.
- Reducing duplication in the government, Jewish Agency and the local authorities, and increasing the efficiency of tax collection.
- Requiring those who earn more than IS150,000 a month to forfeit a month's salary for the good of the economy.

's son may not have been man French police wanted

OBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At least six months French have been trying to get their "an Israeli named Soosa, of a famous Israeli," who was part of a major ring of heroin from the Middle East to Europe. The Jerusalem learned.

There are indications that while arresting Knesset Rafi Soosa's son at Orly allegedly with a suitcase of four kilos of heroin, the police are not holding the thought they wanted.

Soosa, 29, was arrested on arrival from Istanbul. In his possession was a list of four other Israelis residing in He reportedly told the police that he had been told the narcotics to these names of the four, in one woman, have not yet been released.

ling to the French police, use was given to him by a Istanbul and he "didn't at was inside."

be that the French police David Soosa — the son of — was the man their drug been seeking, but is not,

as the drug squad thought, the head of a major ring, police sources here said yesterday.

The Post has learned that the Israeli police have been in contact with the French police in efforts to break up a ring involving Israelis sending narcotics from Istanbul to Europe. Some of that heroin subsequently reached Israel.

Four Israelis, including Soosa, are to be formally charged today in a Paris court and ordered detained till the end of the legal proceedings against them. A fifth Israeli was released last night after police said he was not connected with the case.

In Israel, David Soosa's only known contact with the police took place six months ago during a bar-room fight in which the MK's son was injured by two plainclothesmen. Inspector-General Arye Ivznan appointed an investigative committee, and at the end of their deliberations the nation's top policeman apologized in the name of the police to the MK and his son.

David Soosa has a 30 per cent disability from an injury suffered in an army tank exercise. He is known in his home town of Mazkeret Batya as a "quiet man, who keeps to himself," reports said yesterday.

and woman heroin smugglers jailed

V (Itim). — A man with a record and his girlfriend, a who worked in Germany, terday sentenced to seven years and five years in respectively, for smuggling a kilogram of heroin into from Thailand.

Aviv District Court was the pair, Yitzhak Kimche, Shoshana Yirmiyahu, 26, May to Copenhagen and re to Thailand. There, they 485 grams of heroin for d returned to Europe with day stopover in Moscow. Europe, they sent the drug

to Israel concealed in a package, A body check at Ben-Gurion Airport uncovered the postal receipt, hidden on the woman's body.

The defence told Judge David Wallach that although the pair were in Moscow on their Israeli passports, "the matter was not fixed up by them, nor could they have done so. They were sent to carry out the deal." He asked the court not to be severe with them, because they had cooperated with the police, had expressed contrition for what they had done and because they were planning to get married.

ber of battered wives unknown

IV (Itim). — There are at 00 and perhaps as many as "battered wives" in Israel, ated here yesterday at a conference on violence omen.

imum and maximum are wide apart because of uly in obtaining reliable said Yosepha Steiner.

head of the women's welfare-services division of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

She added that wives are beaten by their husbands in all neighbourhoods, without distinction as to religion, ethnic origin, and years of schooling. Many women, she said, were too ashamed or frightened to report to the authorities when they were beaten.

l to Galilee settlement blocked

asalem Post Reporter

ETH. — The road to the it of Hararit was blocked e harricade and a burning foday night, and a similar : was erected across one of : to the national water carce said here yesterday.

local Arab residents have visted recently in Acre and its of harassing Jewish set- Jews have complained fines and sentences im- them did not apparently hers from repeating the ts, and called for more inishment.

The chairman of the Misgav Regional Council said yesterday that Jews cannot stand idly by while hostile elements daub PLO slogans on public buildings, raise PLO flags on the electric pylons and block the roads leading to their settlements.

Handgrenades in police scooter

Two hand grenades were found in the sidecar of a police motor-scooter in Jerusalem yesterday. The scooter was parked at police headquarters. The grenades, which were not primed, were removed by sappers.

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A social worker helps a retarded child master finger movements during a lesson in an Akim home. Akim, which assists the retarded in Israel, is today conducting a public campaign for funds. Akim chairman Yitzhak Ginegar announced yesterday that Akim supporters abroad have contributed \$2 million for the society's building campaign. (Michael Freidlin)

Levy walks out after official's attack

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy Prime Minister and Construction and Housing Minister David Levy abruptly left a meeting of the Knesset Aliya Committee yesterday after Absorption Ministry director-general Eli Artzi disputed figures relating to housing for newcomers.

Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan, who had previously agreed with Levy on nearly all his statements, was stunned by Artzi's opening words to Levy: "What you have said is an insult to the intelligence."

When Artzi refused to withdraw, Levy walked out.

The two ministers and their subordinates had come to the meeting to discuss ways of solving the crisis in housing for new olim. Thousands are waiting in absorption centres for permanent apartments.

At the beginning of the meeting, chaired by Labour MK Uzi Baram, Levy summarized his ministry's

policy of providing government rental flats mainly to needy olim unable to buy their own flats, and government mortgages to the rest for assistance in buying apartments on the private market. He said his ministry supports a 75 per cent rental subsidy for olim during their first year in the country, and 60 per cent in the second year, to ease their housing problems before they find a permanent apartment.

Uzan surprised most of those present by saying he agreed with Levy unreservedly, except for a few points. "Journalists will not succeed in making trouble between us, my friend David," said Uzan, referring to press reports of recriminations between the two.

The absorption minister said he was sure the two could reach agreement, and that he accepted the Housing Ministry's published figures of the number of government apartments handed over to the Absorption Ministry in the past

year. But Uzan said the problems arose because olim of previous years had not yet been housed permanently. He also asked for the 75 per cent rental subsidy in the second, as well as the first, year after aliya.

Then Artzi, a member of Tami like Uzan, attacked Levy for his statement. Uzan made no retort to his director-general's remarks, but Baram quickly denounced Artzi's words and asked him to retract. When Artzi refused, Levy walked out.

It was agreed that the two ministers would meet together to iron out remaining differences, and would attend another meeting of the Knesset committee early next week. A joint committee of the two ministries has already started dealing with cases of families of newcomers who cannot afford to buy flats with government mortgages and who have been denied government rental apartments.

Unemployment figures for J'lem disputed

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reports of unemployment in Jerusalem are exaggerations if not outright lies, officials of the State Labour Service told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The charge came after a Jerusalem Labour Council spokesman said on Monday that 1,000 persons had been laid off in the city over the last eight weeks and that a crisis loomed.

"There are more than 500 jobs in this city begging to be filled right now," Ovadia Koreh, director of the Jerusalem Labour Exchange, said. "The trouble is, people who have been laid off from their old jobs refuse to take these new ones being offered. As for the number of persons applying to us for work, there has been no increase whatever from October to November. The number remains stable at between 3,250 and 3,300."

He added that the number of recipients of unemployment payments in the capital stood at 316 at the end of October, the lowest monthly figure since March, 1980. "Last month, (November), only 50 more persons were added to the list," he stated.

He emphasized that several hundred applicants for unemployment

allowances were refused last month because they turned down offers of employment.

"We need 21,000 pickers for this year's 100-day citrus harvest," he said. "If we can get just half that number, from among the Jewish population, we'll be lucky. I think citrus picking is an ideal alternative employment for service workers who must be laid off. Absolutely no vocational retraining is needed."

"In earlier years, doctors and professors settling in Eretz Yisrael did not look down on such work. Neither should today's Israelis in need of work denigrate manual, agricultural labour."

He emphasized that several hundred applicants for unemployment

Memorial for Pisces

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israelis who were active in the clandestine emigration from North Africa in the 1950s will gather in Jerusalem tomorrow to honour the memory of the 43 Moroccan Jews who perished when the ship Pisces (Egoz in Hebrew) sank off the coast of Gibraltar just 23 years ago.

The assembly, to be attended by President Chaim Herzog, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu and Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin, will take place at 6 p.m. at the Gerard Behar Centre.

At 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, the ship's name will be ceremonially bestowed on a garden in the Romema quarter.

Ministers' pay cut—but not judges'

By AVI TEMKIN

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday confirmed its decision of last week to cut the pay of government ministers by 10 per cent, but left the salaries of judges at their present level.

The committee's decision was reached in a return vote demanded by Avraham Melamed (National Religious Party) last week, after the committee decided to cut the salaries of both ministers and judges.

As a result of the new vote, the Knesset House Committee started its deliberations on a 10-per-cent cut in the salaries of Knesset members.

The Finance Committee debate included angry accusations exchanged between the chairman of the Alignment Knesset faction, Moshe Shahal, and Imri Ron, of the Mapam wing. Ron announced that he would not vote against the cut in ministers' and judges' wages as decided by his faction and that he would abstain.

Appearing at the committee, Shahal told chairman Shlomo Lorincz that the Alignment had decided to remove Ron from the committee following his rebellion. Only after Lorincz explained that such a step could be taken after informing the House plenum was Ron allowed to vote on the cuts.

'Admission fee' for emergency rooms Sanctions looming at gov't hospitals

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Service and administrative workers in government hospitals yesterday threatened to begin work sanctions on Sunday to protest against the 25 per cent cut in overtime hours ordered by the Health Ministry.

The workers say they will also refuse to collect the emergency-room fees scheduled to go into effect on Sunday, arguing that they cannot be expected to take on additional work when the ministry is reducing the number of workers.

The new charges, including a fee for all those entering an emergency room and additional fees for those who come without a doctor's referral, will serve a dual purpose, Health Ministry director-general Professor Baruch Modan told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The fees will discourage people who do not need emergency care from coming to the overburdened emergency rooms, and at the same time will provide more money for the financially pressed hospital system, he said.

"Due to a failure in the primary health-care system, hospital emergency rooms are increasingly used in place of community clinics. Our figures show that 40 to 50 per cent of the people who turn up in emergency rooms could have been treated in regular health-fund clinics," Modan said.

Exempt from the basic fee are children under one year of age and welfare recipients. The fee will probably be about IS700, it was

learned. Also under discussion are exemptions for victims of traffic accidents, heart attacks and the like.

Those who come to emergency rooms without a referral will be charged additionally for all examinations and tests they receive. These charges, whose exact amounts have not yet been set, are likely to be about IS1,000 for an X-ray and IS900 for a doctor's examination. These sums are adjusted for the 85 per cent rise in charges for ambulatory services set to go into effect on Sunday.

Patients who are hospitalized directly from the emergency room will not be subject to the fees for services or the entrance fee.

"We will not collect these fees, or take on any additional work, at the same time the ministry is imposing a total hiring freeze and trying to reduce the number of service and administration workers by not hiring replacements for those who retire or go on maternity leave," the chairman of the workers' union, Ronnie Shalem, told The Post last night.

As for the 25-per-cent reduction in overtime hours, Shalem said that the union had decided to work overtime only during the first three weeks of a month. During the fourth week, no worker will put in overtime hours and this will greatly disrupt the functioning of the government hospitals, he said.

The union will start its sanctions on January 1 if tomorrow's meeting with Health Ministry representatives does not yield the desired results, Shalem said.

Misgav Ladach to offer expanded services

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Misgav Ladach Hospital in Jerusalem will reopen its maternity wards and operating theatres on Sunday, just over two months after the hospital's surgical facilities were closed on the recommendation of a Health Ministry committee.

"We have fully implemented the recommendations on adding staff and expanding laboratory operations. The ministry has approved the resumption of all our former services and permitted us to add several new ones," hospital director Dr. Michael Stark told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The hospital will now perform minor ophthalmic and ear, nose and throat operations, and will operate a

gynecological clinic, open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with no appointment necessary.

In accordance with the committee's recommendations, the hospital staff now includes three full-time anesthesiologists and a few more gynecologists, so that there will be a gynecological specialist and an anesthesiologist on duty 24 hours a day. Blood-bank and laboratory services will also be available on a round-the-clock basis, rather than until 4 p.m.

The ministry committee, set up to investigate the death of a young woman following surgery at Misgav Ladach, found the hospital well equipped but understaffed, and recommended a reorganization of personnel and work procedures.

Herpes treatment developed at HU

A preparation for the treatment of herpes labialis and nasalis (a virus affecting the mouth and nose) has been developed by scientists at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The medication was developed by Professor Ruth Segal of the Natural Products Department of the university's School of Pharmacy, Dr. Emma Azaz, a former researcher in the School of Pharmacy, and Prof. Sara Pisanty of the Faculty of Dental Medicine.

The anti-viral agent has been shown to be much more effective than other preparations currently used for the treatment of cold sores which are formed on the nostrils, lips and surrounding areas as a result of infection by the herpes virus.

Segal said she believes that due to its special characteristics, the medication also will prove effective in treatment of genital herpes. Research is to continue in this area, she said.

PREMIERE. — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, with Pinhas Zuckerman as soloist, is to make its first appearance in Kiryat Shmona tonight. All Tickets have been sold out.

IDF veterans lobby against tax on pensions

Post Economic Reporter

The proposal to tax pensions of persons who retire before age 65 will dissuade people from deciding on a career in the military, Israel Defence Forces Manpower Branch chief Tat-Aluf Amos Yaron told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Representatives of Tzevet, the organization of military pensioners, also told the committee that the proposed tax would retroactively affect their pensions and would contravene principles set down in their contracts.

Dan Tichon (Liberals) attacked Yaron's appearance at the committee. "Since when is an army officer allowed to campaign against a government decision?" he asked.

Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) acknowledged that Yaron's appearance before the committee was unusual, but said that the manpower chief had been authorized by the Defence Ministry to appeal to the committee, given "the concern about the conditions of Regular Army personnel."

GOOD NEWS

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Gov't announcements of cutbacks are misleading, says Euroteam

Deficit spending may reach \$3.95b.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Excessive government spending continues to increase in real terms, despite continuous assertions by the authorities that the opposite is the case. This is the finding of a study just published by the Euroteam financial consulting firm.

The study points out that in the first seven months of the current fiscal year, from April through October, the government's deficit spending stood at \$2.4 billion (including some \$350 million to support the "arrangement" bank shares). This is almost identical with the entire deficit spending in all of 1980/81.

Euroteam shows that in the past three fiscal years, from 1980/81 through 1982/83, local expenditures by the government increased in dollar terms at an average rate of 18 per cent a year.

Payments for outstanding internal debts (mainly redemption of index-linked bonds) grew by 22 per cent a year, and stood at \$1.8b. in 1982/83.

alone. In addition, wages grew by an average of 15 per cent a year, and government administrative expenses by an average of 19 per cent. Only subsidies for credit grew at a much slower pace.

"The above facts contradict the constant declarations over the years that government expenditures have been cut. As a matter of fact, the government's local expenses grew by about one billion dollars a year," Euroteam says.

As for government income, there was indeed an increase in receipts, mainly as a result of the "correct economy," which encouraged imports on which customs duties were collected. Income from customs and taxes on imports increased by an average of 32 per cent a year.

At the same time, local government deficit spending grew by an average of 11 per cent a year. In 1982/83 it stood at \$2.9b. and constituted 23 per cent of all local government expenditures.

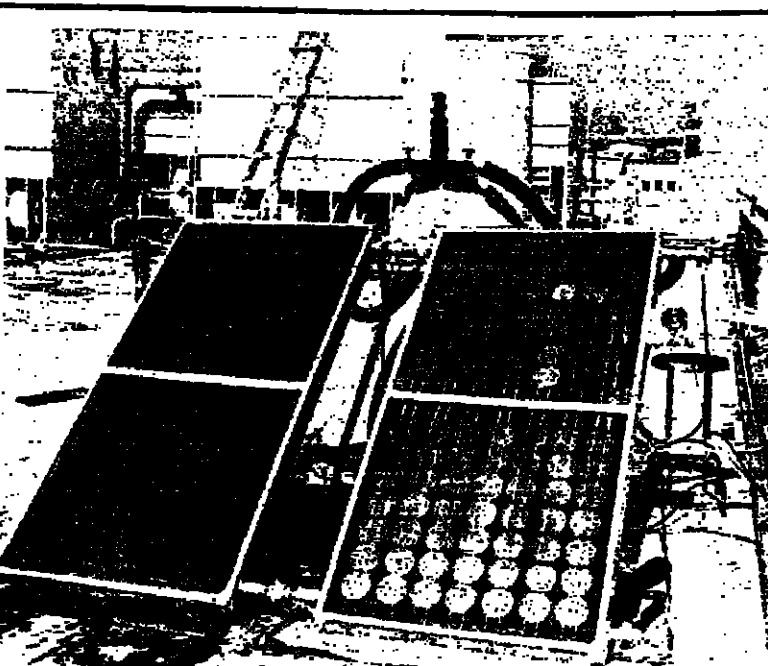
In the current year, 1983/84, the process described for past years

continued. During the first seven months government expenditures grew by 22 per cent over the same period the year before and stood at \$8.1b. This created a deficit of \$2.4b.

Income from taxes, especially indirect taxes, is expected to fall from now till the end of the fiscal year. However, some savings will be effected by reducing subsidies on basic food items, and on the exchange rate guarantee. But there will also be less income from the sale of index-linked bonds because the provident funds have been allowed to buy bank shares covered by the arrangement with the Treasury.

But there will be little income from the new taxes being imposed. For example, the "fee" imposed on each child attending school will bring in only \$1m. a year.

"We expect deficit spending by the government to stand at \$3.95b. this year, some 35 per cent higher than in the preceding year," Euroteam concludes pessimistically.



A novel solar energy collector is being developed at the engineering faculty of Tel Aviv University, which produces both electricity and hot water. The round photo-voltaic cells visible on the collector panel at right produce electricity. Below them is the regular heat collecting system.

'Business is lousy, thank you'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Business is lousy, and its getting lousier all the time, thank heaven." This is how Dr. Eli Fischer, head of Fischer Pharmaceuticals, describes the ever-rising sales of his company's anti-lice preparations.

"For the past five years sales have been steadily rising and they are going to continue to rise," he notes. According to Health Ministry sources "an actual plague of lice is rampant in Israel, especially among school children."

Fischer says that the root of the problem — and of his relative prosperity — is the fact that all non-prescription preparations on the market only kill the lice, but do not destroy the nits. This includes his own preparation, Pyracide, and all other local and imported preparations of this type.

"We do make a preparation, called Monicide," which kills both the lice and the nits. One thorough application, used strictly according to instructions, will solve the problem, unless the kids in school infect each other again."

The problem, he says, is that a doctor's prescription is needed to obtain Monicide, which is only sold at pharmacies.

"And few mothers want to go to a doctor and admit that their kids have lice." So, most of them buy only a half-way preparation which they have to use again and again, since a short time after the first application the nits hatch, and the child's hair is again full of lice.

Fischer is holding talks with ministry officials on the problem, but so far he has not convinced them to allow Monicide to be sold without a prescription.

Chinese factories have employment as a prime objective

American Motors to build jeeps in China

DETROIT (Reuters). — The first joint car-making venture between China and an American company is due to start operations ahead of schedule next month and investors say they expect it will turn a profit the first year.

American Motors Corp. and the Chinese government-run Beijing Automotive Works have joined forces to outfit a plant to build 20,000 four-wheel drive vehicles, commonly known as jeeps, during 1984.

Most of the jeeps are expected initially to be sold in China. But American Motors sees the plant in Peking as a regional outpost from

which it will be able to compete effectively with Japanese automotive rivals in Australia and, ultimately, conquer markets in Japan and other major Asian nations.

"Once it was signed, we found the Chinese wanted to move everything faster than the original plan," American Motors Far East manager Ron Gilchrist told Reuters.

"The government is now encouraging our partners there to move faster," he said.

As a result, five American Motors managers will arrive in China in early January, about two months ahead of schedule. The Beijing Jeep Company plant will then start its blend of western car technology and Chinese labour.

The plant will employ between 4,000 and 5,000 workers, Gilchrist said. Chinese officials hope the formal dedication can be timed to coincide with Premier Zhao Ziyang's visit to the U.S., which begins on January 10.

Once it goes into production, Gilchrist said, a visiting worker

Tax reform has been betrayed, chamber of commerce charges

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two of the latest measures of the Finance Ministry are a direct retreat from the tax reform instituted some years ago, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce charged yesterday. The two measures are: imposing a tax on children's allowances and raising the tax ceiling from 60 to 66 per cent.

Taking the children's allowance, the federation charges, constitutes a "tax on a tax." It points out that the basic thinking behind granting these allowances, and not reducing the parents' tax burden by a certain amount for each child, was to help the lower income strata.

Many breadwinners in this strata, however, simply did not earn enough to pay taxes, and thus could not benefit from any tax credits. Thus, it was decided to shift the entire matter from one of paying less

taxes to one of giving allowances each child.

"Imposing a tax on this allowance simply reduces the amount of tax reduction credits," the union says, "and increases percentage of tax paid by each."

As for raising the tax ceiling from 60 to 66 per cent, the federation notes that it had already decided by experts that "60 per cent was the maximum that could be charged without causing widespread tax evasion. No more would induce persons in the higher tax bracket reduce their efforts, thus their income to fall."

Under the best of circumstances it would result in these persons paying their higher taxes in the form of higher price charged, for their services, shifting another tax on the income brackets.

Secondary cataracts cured with novel laser beam

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Laser Industries has announced that it has successfully developed a new generation YAG pulse laser system for use in eye surgery.

The unit, which is trade-named Sharplan 702, allows eye surgeons to aim the laser beam through the pupil, or even through the white of the eye, to make repairs inside the eye without having to enter it physically.

The Sharplan 702 is capable of vaporizing the milky-white membranes, known as secondary cataracts, which often develop behind implanted lenses. Using the

new type of laser in connection with an ophthalmic microscope gives out these opaque membranes during an outpatient procedure without anesthesia.

The Sharplan 702 unit has been designed in the laboratory of Laser Industries and in cooperation with Israeli eye surgeons is a miniaturized system priced at about \$25,000.

The first units are planned shipment to the U.S. and Japan next spring. Under American and Drugs Administration regulations initially only 20 units installed in the U.S. for evaluation, which is a pre-requisite for FDA approval.

Richard B.S. Packard, a British ophthalmologist, recently performed eye surgery on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The *Jerusalem Post* that a great demand in England for laser systems, especially in the range of the Sharplan 702.

\$35.4m. Mishap project
TEL AVIV. — Despite the slitting the building industry the firm in November and December began new construction worth \$35.4 million.

Under construction are 35 on Rehov Modi'in in Givatayim, Rehov Yona Green in Petah Tikva, and Rehov Ha'atzmaut in Hebron. In addition 31 cottages are going on Rehov Harav Kook in Hebron and in Kfar Saba's R Hashahar.

Fiat's Uno voted Car of the Year

PARIS (Reuters). — The Fiat Uno, the Italian company's latest mass-production small car, has been voted Car of the Year by a panel of European motoring journalists, it was announced yesterday.

The panel, headed by Belgian former motor racing star Paul Frere, gave the Uno 346 points over Peugeot's two-door 305 model, also intended for the highly-competitive small car market. The French car got 325 points.

The choice was made after tests by journalists from 16 European countries. The top two cars were well clear of the third-placed Volkswagen Golf, which chalked up 156 points.

Mercedes Benz's new compact 190 was fourth, while the highest-placed Japanese car was the Mazda 626, which came fifth.

New laboratory makes fast tests of oil cores possible

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A \$120,000 laboratory for analyzing geological core samples taken from oil wells was dedicated yesterday at the Geological Institute in Jerusalem by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

The tests done in the lab determine the characteristics of the geological strata penetrated by the well and provide information essential for planning the extraction of oil or gas.

When traces of oil or gas appear in a well, however, the main tests that determine the size of the reservoir and the commercial viability of the find are conducted in the hole itself.

The new lab, most of which

was purchased from a Dallas, Texas, firm, was paid for by Oil Exploration (Investments), the government oil exploration company.

Moda'i recalled that the U.S. Secretary of Energy asked him on his recent visit here how many oil wells Israel had drilled. Over 300, Moda'i replied. His host, thinking his Israeli counterpart was speaking in an abbreviated fashion, asked: "You mean 300,000, don't you?"

Moda'i had to admit that it was only 300 during the last 30 years. He noted that in the U.S. 80,000 wells are drilled each year, and said that the pace of oil exploration in Israel needed a major boost.

The lab staff was already at work examining the core samples from Gurin-4 in the Negev and Petah Tikva-2, which turned up traces of oil in recent months. The samples from Carmon-3 near Ashkelon, which brought up some oil last week, arrived yesterday.

The old core analysis lab in the Geological Institute was installed in 1956, at the time of the development of the oil field at Heletz. But in recent years it became outmoded, and cores had to be sent abroad for analysis, which was both time-consuming and expensive. The new lab is supposed to provide results within hours, days or weeks, depending on the type of test required.

Chinese factories have employment as a prime objective

American Motors to build jeeps in China

DETROIT (Reuters). — The first joint car-making venture between China and an American company is due to start operations ahead of schedule next month and investors say they expect it will turn a profit the first year.

American Motors Corp. and the Chinese government-run Beijing Automotive Works have joined forces to outfit a plant to build 20,000 four-wheel drive vehicles, commonly known as jeeps, during 1984.

Most of the jeeps are expected initially to be sold in China. But American Motors sees the plant in Peking as a regional outpost from

which it will be able to compete effectively with Japanese automotive rivals in Australia and, ultimately, conquer markets in Japan and other major Asian nations.

"Once it was signed, we found the Chinese wanted to move everything faster than the original plan," American Motors Far East manager Ron Gilchrist told Reuters.

"The government is now encouraging our partners there to move faster," he said.

As a result, five American Motors managers will arrive in China in early January, about two months ahead of schedule. The Beijing Jeep Company plant will then start its blend of western car technology and Chinese labour.

The plant will employ between 4,000 and 5,000 workers, Gilchrist said. Chinese officials hope the formal dedication can be timed to coincide with Premier Zhao Ziyang's visit to the U.S., which begins on January 10.

Once it goes into production, Gilchrist said, a visiting worker

Hapoalim restructures its advisory service

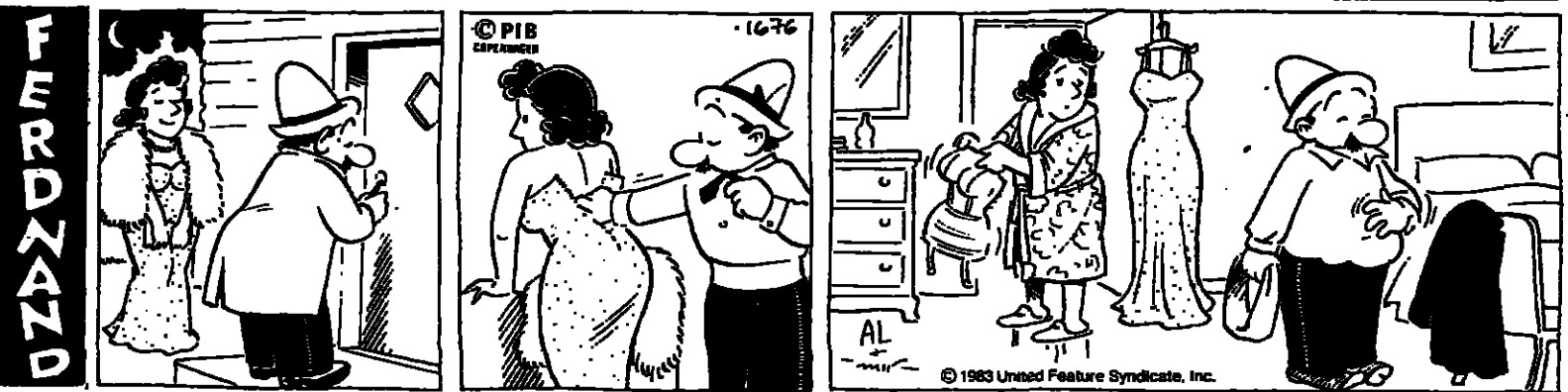
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TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim yesterday announced it had restructured its financial advisory service both to help customers save money by avoiding the need to take high-interest unauthorized overdrafts and to preserve and expand the value of their money through judicious investments.

The step was taken "in the wake of public expectations concerning additional economic measures and the prevailing climate of uncertainty due to changing conditions in the economy and the capital market."

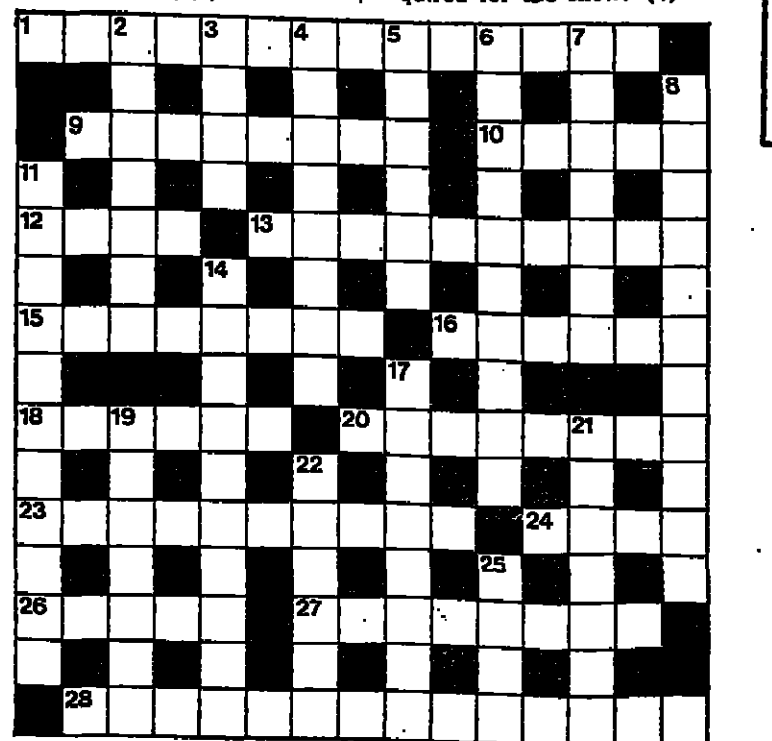
These will include: building up an investment portfolio which will ensure the greatest linkage; setting aside liquid financial resources to meet current needs; and suggesting a variety of investments available, such as linkage to the cost-of-living index, or a foreign currency, or a mixture of both.

A special information sheet will be provided to clients.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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- 1 What an astronaut must do to rise from humbleness to prosperity (2,2,2,5,3)
 - 9 A grim sort of time-honoured flower (8)
 - 10 Multiple issue of currency (5)
 - 12 Some revolutionary backwater, maybe (4)
 - 13 An accommodation bill ratified by Parliament? (7,3)
 - 15 Tiny Dickensian taken in by comparatively venerable sordough (5-5)
 - 16 Clearly not a good mark (8)
 - 18 I'd turn and wrap it in my striped fabric (6)
 - 20 Very many turn it on when describing a small stream (8)
 - 23 Capricious owner of a fine quality woolen coat (6,4)
 - 24 Frenzied telegram from one who is no longer in danger? (4)
 - 26 Worried nun that is taken aback about problem caused by unemployment? (5)
 - 27 Neither votes nor drinks, apparently (8)
 - 28 They are doubtless very pleased if they can discover a new star (6,8)
- DOWN**
- 2 Alone and helpless (7)
 - 3 A flag of seven different colours? (4)
 - 4 Became captain of the side and did a spell of bowling (4,4)
 - 5 The son most likely to succeed? (6)
 - 6 Two drinks in one, neither of them bitter (3,3,4)
 - 7 Old Weyliffian peer holding everything up (7)
 - 8 Ring-tailed creature that doesn't move straight into the kill (11)
 - 11 A runner-up of mediocre ability? (6,5)
 - 14 The ETA of the deep freeze, very likely? (6,4)
 - 17 Goes to pieces, the school does, at the end of term (6,2)
 - 19 The colour factor in a higher order degree (7)
 - 21 Huge fellows I'm leading by a couple of points at the finish? (7)
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Agudat Yisrael wins again

LAST WEEK the Knesset decided to take up the ban on Sabbath bus service to and within the northern town of Nahariya ordered by the Transport Minister, Haim Corfu. The decision represented a victory for the Alignment and Shinui, which had asked for the debate, and a defeat for the coalition. It was made possible by the defection of five coalition MKs, three of them Liberals.

In retaliation for this breakdown of coalition discipline, in a matter which it considers of paramount importance, Agudat Yisrael announced a boycott of all plenum sessions, thus threatening to block government-sponsored legislation. Taking a serious view of this threat, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has been calling in the recalcitrant Likud parliamentarians to ensure that there be no further defections which could threaten the survival of the already shaky coalition. On the strength of their promise that they would toe the line in future, Mr. Shamir was able to appease the angry Agudat Yisrael MKs.

On the face of it, the Aguda, which in this case is backed to the hilt by the National Religious Party, has a solid case.

The last coalition agreement specifically forbids all bus transport on the Sabbath, "in accordance with the status quo in this matter." It was in implementation of this undertaking that Mr. Corfu delivered his blow to Nahariya two weeks ago. Unlike Haifa, a mixed Jewish and Arab city, Nahariya was not excluded from the application of the status quo agreement of 1947.

On the other hand, Nahariya, just like Haifa, had a functioning bus service before the state came into being, and it has maintained it ever since with the acquiescence of the religious members of the town council. That, too, represented a status quo hallowed by tradition. But it is precisely this tradition which the Aguda, trusting to the club it holds over the Likud, hopes to destroy.

For then any exception to the Sabbath ban that did not fall into the Haifa category would be disallowed.

Mr. Corfu has rightly pointed out that the Likud inherited the status quo from the Alignment. But if this peculiar arrangement has at all held for three and a half decades, marked by increasing mobility, it was only because exceptions have in fact been allowed, in response to popular demand. Had the uncompromising Aguda view of the old agreement been accepted all along, an aroused citizenry, most of which is not observant, might already have risen in revolt against it.

Apparently the Aguda is not unduly alarmed that something like this could now happen, and it has its reasons. For during the past six and a half years, since the Likud's accession to power, this minuscule party has successfully parlayed its position in the margin of the coalition into a means of imposing its minority will on the entire nation.

The enforcement of the Nahariya ban, no matter how much it would inconvenience the townspeople, notably returning soldiers, should only be, so to speak, the latest feather in the Aguda's cap. It would represent merely another step in the progressive conversion of Israel from a state governed by laws into a state bound by halacha. To the Aguda, this is the highest good, attainable in part through reliance on the status quo. Besides this, all else is trifling.

Israel's priorities, it is safe to suggest, are rather different. Most citizens of this country might easily agree with the deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, an NRP leader, that Nahariya deserves to be different from neighbouring Sidon. But most of them would doubtless also agree that this whole country must under no condition be transformed into another Teheran.

This will be the Knesset's view, too, if it is permitted to speak up freely in the matter.

Creeping annexation

SO LONG as the government remains committed to the Camp David process there will be no annexation of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District by way of the application of Israeli law to these territories.

This was the heartening pledge reportedly made by the Justice Minister, Moshe Nissim, to the Knesset Law Committee this week. The implication seemed to be that only if Egypt released this country from its commitment by reneging on its own undertakings under Camp David would Israeli law be applied in the territories, leading to their annexation.

In fact, however, much of Israel's law has already been applied in the territories. It is not surprising, perhaps, that Israeli residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District should be subjected to the laws of their own state. Next week, the government is to propose to the Knesset that the land betterment tax be applied to real estate transactions by Israelis in the territories. But a large corpus of Israeli law, transmitted through military orders, also governs the lives of the Arab residents.

Examples are provided by Israeli restrictions on Arab farm exports, Israeli health and drug regulations and such Israeli measures as VAT. Most important, of course, is the designation of about one half of all West Bank lands as state lands suitable for use by Israel. The fact that the Palestinian Arabs in the territories are not Israeli but Jordanian citizens under Israeli occupation is brought up mainly in considering such ideas as the deportation of agitators to Jordan.

It is somewhat naive, then, to claim that Israeli law would be applied in the territories only if Israel felt called upon to formally renounce its commitment to the Camp David process. Judging by the facts on the ground, any such commitment already barely exists, or at best is highly tenuous.

WITH MENACHEM BEGIN safely out of the prime minister's residence, the public has a right to wonder how long Mr. Begin was suffering under an impairment that affected his performance in office. At least since the cancellation of his visit to Washington for "personal reasons," his personal disability was a matter of record. The question that is still unanswered is whether and to what degree problems of health affected political actions even earlier.

It has been generally assumed that a distinct worsening of Begin's health occurred as a result of his wife's death. There is evidence, however, that his difficulties antedated that personal loss. There may have been a progressive process at work, accentuated by Mrs. Begin's passing. To this day, there has been no authoritative disclosure of the nature of Begin's malady, other than the skin rash that triggered his seclusion.

From Ezer Weizman, the former defence minister, we learn that Begin's health problems were a matter of concern even during the period of Camp David and the negotiations with Egypt, with aides, as he put it, becoming amateur experts in cardiology and pharmacology, in order to evaluate the prime minister's changing moods. For all we know, however, Begin's retirement from the political scene may have been unconnected with his heart condition. There is evidence that — whatever it is that ails him — his performance in office was impaired for a considerable period of time.

Some of the evidence can be gleaned from the report of the Kahan Commission, which investigated the Sabra and Shatila massacres. The commission pointed to the flawed functioning of the prime minister, but suggested no explanation for its cause. Why was Begin not consulted about the decision on the entry of the Phalangists into the camps? Why was he not informed of the decision after it was taken? Why was he not informed of the consequences of that decision as soon as they were known?

It will be recalled that Begin learned of the decision to put the Phalangists into the camps only in the course of the cabinet meeting that took place on the evening of

Begin's disability

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

September 16, 1982, after they were already in the camps, while his first word of the massacres came from a BBC news broadcast on Saturday, the 18th. The commission pointed out that the importance of the decision required that it be made with the prior approval of the prime minister, that once the decision had been taken, "orderly processes of government required that the decision be made known to him at the earliest possible moment," and that "orderly processes of government required that the prime minister be informed of any excesses committed."

WHY WERE orderly processes of government not observed? The question did not engage the attention of the Kahan Commission. There is no particular reason to assume, however, that this was an isolated lapse. It appears a more likely assumption that the processes of government had been tailored to the conditions at hand, and that Begin was being spared the burden of a range of troublesome problems. At any rate, there is no public record of any display of dissatisfaction on the part of Begin for his exclusion from the decision-making process involved in the Sabra and Shatila affair. It was the prime minister's "lack of involvement," the commission held, that cast a certain degree of responsibility on him.

The commission pointed out that "for two days after the prime minister heard about the Phalangists' entry, he showed absolutely no interest in their action in the camps." To this statement there was one exception, not crucial to the findings of the commission, but significant for its reflection on Begin's ability to function during this period. "The then chief of staff, Rafael Eitan, testified that on the morning of September 18, the Saturday towards the evening of which Begin finally heard about the massacres, the

prime minister "phoned him and told him that the Americans had called him and complained that the Phalangists had entered the Gaza Hospital and were killing patients, doctors, and staff workers there."

The then defence minister, Ariel Sharon, testified that Eitan had informed him of this call, although he hedged somewhat as to whether a conversation had indeed taken place. Begin, for his part, denied that these conversations had taken place.

Presumably there are logs on incoming and outgoing phone calls of the prime minister, but these were never produced. Eitan's statements were not self-serving in any way, and there is no particular reason to question his credibility. The commission saw no need to decide between the two contradictory versions and assumed that "the contradictions are not deliberate, but stem from faulty memory, which is understandable in view of the dramatic turn of events taking place in those days."

Faulty memory could have many causes. To link it with impaired functioning on the part of the prime minister is, admittedly, speculation, but so is the commission's assumption that the "dramatic turn of events" is the explanation. It would seem at least equally as reasonable to assume that the turn of events would make the Gaza Hospital conversations stand out with special poignancy in Begin's memory. They demonstrate that, as soon as he received a complaint of Phalangist excesses, he immediately took appropriate action to ascertain the facts.

It would also be speculative to suggest that the fact that the prime minister did not pay heed to David Levy's warnings of a possible massacre at the cabinet meeting held the evening the Phalangists entered the camps could be part of a general picture of impaired functioning. Yet speculation is the only option

available, in the absence of knowledge of the facts. If there is any injustice to Begin in speculation of this nature, the responsibility lies with those who have consistently concealed the relevant facts with regard to Begin's physical and mental state and continue to conceal them to this day.

THE HEALTH of a prime minister cannot be considered as his private affair. To the extent that it affects his performance in office, it is a matter of legitimate public interest. Occasional pronouncements by his personal physician do not solve the problem. There is no reason to assume that Prof. Gotsman ever arrogated to himself the constitutional function of determining the disability of the prime minister. He acted as a personal physician, with the well-being of his patient his guide to conduct.

The disability of a head of government presents a thorny constitutional problem. It was only after President Eisenhower's repeated heart attacks that a constitutional amendment was adopted, providing an answer within the American framework of government. Before then, the problem had arisen more than once, most dramatically when Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke during his campaign for ratification of the Versailles Treaty. With the president bed-ridden and isolated, his wife assumed a function comparable to that evidently performed by Menachem Begin's son, Binyamin, during at least part of his father's final weeks in office.

The 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that presidential disability may be determined either by the president himself, by the vice-president and a majority of the principal officers of the executive departments, or by "such other body as Congress may by law provide." Suggestions have been made that this is a function to be

performed by the Supreme Court, the Congress, a special commission or a panel of experts. This latter suggestion, criticized by Prof. Louis Brandeis, a distinguished scholar of the American presidency, noted that "disability is a medical question," adding that there have no inherent over other citizens in asse public interest.

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The writer is a political scien

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After a long period of inter-religious and inter-ethnic quiet, it has become noticeable to all that groups of radical persons, some of them indeed terrorist in nature, have again risen up to trouble the peace of Jerusalem and this normally happy land. As leaders in the United Christian Council in Israel we cannot but be concerned with this dangerous, new development.

A case in point is the recent harassment of persons of evangelical and Protestant background meeting for prayer in Tiberias. For the past four Saturday nights one group was disturbed by religious activists who broke into a public meeting room and snapped pictures of those attending and on two occasions threw bricks and stones through the windows causing property damage and frightening adults and their children who were present. A woman was hit by a large stone on December 17 and was admitted to hospital but happily was not seriously hurt.

RELIGIOUS FANATICISM

The police in Tiberias have taken a very serious view of this dangerous harassment and some two weeks ago arrested two leaders of a religious establishment in Tiberias. However the harassment has continued.

Much more serious is surely the strange, almost irrational attack on Muslim and Christian homes and establishments in Arab areas in and near Jerusalem. We refer to the placing of booby-trap hand grenades apparently stolen from the stores of the Israel Defence Forces.

No doubt the thinking of those responsible for these outrages involves a desire to retaliate with terror against the horrible bombing of the bus in Beit Hakerem in Jerusalem some weeks ago but, as we all know, religious establishments such as a Franciscan Monastery or a Catholic church on Mount Zion and a housewife in a

small Arab village are totally unrelated to a bomb outrage which was obviously planned and executed by professional terrorists.

We have the utmost confidence in the police and their desire to put a stop to these incredibly evil acts and we would encourage them in any way we can. However, it is essential that the Israel public as a whole recognize that its minorities must be protected from fear and harm by whatever steps are necessary and it is particularly important that the public be alerted to the dangers of religious fanaticism.

We know very well that the vast majority of the people of this land long for peace and abhor terrorism of any kind and our Council tries always to present this picture of Israel, but the extremely dangerous development of fanatical groups out to intimidate, maim, injure and kill must be stopped at all costs.

The Liaison Committee of the United Christian Council in Israel Jerusalem.

PRIDE IN BELONGING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On December 12th I rounded a bend on the Masma-Nachshon road and found a car coming straight at me from the opposite direction. I braked, skidded and overturned into a ditch.

Within seconds, a group of soldiers appeared and broke the rear window in order to extricate me. Although I was uninjured, a young officer named Ilan insisted on driving me five kilometres to his base; first he took me to the clinic for examination, then fed me, telephoned the police to report the accident, and then my insurance agent to arrange a tow. Finally, an hour-and-a-half later, he drove me back to the wrecked car, where he had left his team to guard my belongings.

I waited another hour-and-a-half for the towing truck to arrive, during which time countless drivers stopped to ask if they could help. I was given fruit, drinks, advice and physical help in extricating my

belongings, and in righting when the tow arrived.

The following evening I a telephone call from the Ilan, wanting to know how He refused to tell me his name, and when I attempt to express my gratitude he "We're a people like this." I am writing this letter to my feelings and my pride part of a "people like this."

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